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Democrats Offer Handout to Trial Lawyer Friends *Tough Economic Times No Worry for Democrat Political Allies*

Washington, DC – Representative Tom Price, M.D. (GA-06), chairman of the Republican Study Committee, issued the following statement on today's passage of the *Ledbetter Fair Pay Act* and the *Paycheck Fairness Act*. The bills, created under the guise of updating existing fair pay laws, are designed by House Democrats to provide handouts to their political allies.

“Not surprisingly, House Democrats have started this Congress choosing politics over principle,” said Chairman Price. “It’s unfortunate that Speaker Pelosi has decided to set the tone for the next two years with legislation that is nothing more than a payback to political allies in the trial lawyer lobby. With pay discrimination already against the law, these insincere bills simply create the opportunity for more frivolous lawsuits and will impede desperately needed American job growth.

“By treating pay discrimination as systematic, this legislation fails to address the real economic challenges facing the American people and instead only serves to benefit Democrats’ political friends. Now trial lawyers, bureaucrats, and activist courts will have the power to interject themselves in private business decisions and even oversee how wages are determined.

“These painful times deserve a commitment to real solutions. The American people are looking for leadership that can restore prosperity and opportunities. But rather than putting money in the pockets of average Americans, House Democrats demonstrated only a commitment to lining the pockets of political allies.”

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